

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the subject application. After entry of the above amendments to the claims, claim 11 has been cancelled, claims 1 – 10 and 12-22 have been amended and claim 23 has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the above amendments and remarks as set forth herein below.

1. Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The claims have been amended in response thereto. Specifically, the claims no longer reference "said motor vehicle". Regarding claim 20, claim 20 depends on claim 18, which positively recites an attachment.

2. Claims 1-9, and 18-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartman (US Des. 362,788) in view of Teel (US 6,076,298). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Hartman discloses a combined cooler and picnic supply holder as shown in the drawings. The cooler is clearly not a rectangular parallelepiped according to the claimed combination, but instead is a substantially more complex shape or configuration having two (2) upper surfaces located at different heights and a curved or contoured front nose portion. The combined cooler and picnic supply holder of Hartman has at least nine (9) faces unlike a parallelepiped having six (6) faces by definition. See Figs. 3 and 4 showing that the sides alone define four (4) separate

faces due to tapering of the sides at the front end thereof. Again, the configuration or shape of the combined cooler and picnic supply holder of Hartman is clearly not a substantially rectangular parallelepiped according to the claimed combination.

Teel discloses a fishing supply caddy 10 provided with four (4) wheels having a cooler compartment 16, as shown in Figure 1. The caddy 10 is not configured or shaped as a substantially rectangular parallelepiped according to the claimed combination. Specifically, the bracket 22 on the front wall 24 extends outwardly a significant distance resulting in two (2) inclined surfaces above and below the bucket 22. The fishing supply caddy of Teel has at least fourteen (14) different faces unlike a parallelepiped having six (6) faces by definition. See Fig. 2 showing that the side profile alone has at least ten (10) separate faces.

Further, the fishing supply caddy of Teel is not configured to visually simulate a motor vehicle, but instead its configuration is dictated by the functional requirements for a fishing supply caddy (e.g. cooler compartment 16, live bait well compartment 18, open storage compartment 20, and bracket 22 having a plurality of tubes 26).

Claim 20 is provided to recite a number of different types of attachments. The rectangular parallelepiped configuration and desirability of the claimed invention is disclosed at page 4, lines 17-25 of the original specification.

The Examiner sets forth that it "would have been obvious in view of Teel to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the wheels of the Hartman cooler roll so as to make his cooler easier to transport." Again, neither the combined cooler and picnic supply holder of Hartman or the fishing supply caddy of Teel disclose substantially rectangular parallelepiped configurations in combination with visually simulating a motor vehicle according to the claimed invention. In this manner, the claimed invention maintains a substantially rectangular parallelepiped overall outer configuration while visually simulating a motor vehicle unlike the prior art. Thus, Hartman and Teel alone or in combination do not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

3. Claims 10-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartman in view of Teel, and further in view of Lieblein (US Des. 432,886). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Hartman and Teel do not teach or suggest the claimed invention for the reasons as set forth above. Lieblein discloses a racecar food serving container as shown in the drawings. This container is not configured or shaped to be a rectangular parallelepiped according to the claimed combination. Thus, Hartman, Teel and Lieblein all fail to disclose this particular claimed feature let alone the claimed combination. Thus, Hartman, Teel and Lieblein alone or in combination do not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

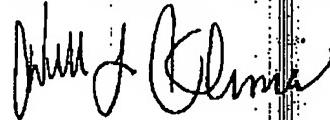
In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are necessary and hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

Respectfully submitted,

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